

A Maritime Celebration



At a joint meeting of all main groups (Town Council, Business Association, Regeneration Group, STAG, plus Silloth Harbour and Allerdale BC) in the Community Centre, Silloth on July 12th it was decided that Silloth and district should be involved with SeaBritian 2005, providing a contribution based upon our maritime history.

Compared to the nation's major ports Silloth is a comparative newcomer, however it is the largest operational port in the Solway Firth in North West England.

At Skinburness we did have in the past a then major port with a vast naval fleet assembled, has anyone researched this? Today we have a very successful shrimp industry with the small boats providing an excellent food source and also a tourist attraction. What part did Silloth play in the former Irish Sea/Solway Firth herring industry? What part did Silloth harbour play during the last war? Have we anyone in our midst who has a Silloth naval or merchant shipping story to tell? For many years the Irish cattle trade into Silloth was a major local feature. Have we anyone able to recall and enlighten us about this trade? Have we anyone who has studied

the many local Solway shipwrecks, the former shipping links with local Solway ports and others far afield?

In its short existence Silloth has developed shipping links far and wide, have we anyone who has studied this? Where have our ships and sailors sailed to and where have they come from?

Everyone in Silloth and district will have read the fascinating story of RAF Silloth, now we would like to bring together the shipping/maritime history of the area based on local activities. From Roman shipping to present day maritime matters including life saving at sea we would welcome your views and help.

Together we can then arrange a Silloth/Allonby programme of events for SeaBritian 2005 of equal quality to those of the major national and other local ports.

SeaBritian 2005 is a national maritime celebration on a grand scale. Silloth/Allonby is very much a part - everyone can become involved.

Please contact Norman Hammond on 016973 20440 or via the Silloth TIC or Discovery Centre as soon as possible with information, ideas etc to help us with: SeaBritian 2005 — Silloth-on-Solway.

Selfish Bee by Macauley Carr aged 7 from Silloth Primary School



The Rugga Club

Donations Required

On behalf of 'THE Rugga Club', Silloths' newest youth club, I am writing to ask if you could help a little towards our appeal for a laptop computer.

We have a membership of approximately 75-100 children aged between 8 & 14, and at the moment our membership details are recorded in a notebook, this is not ideal. It would be brilliant if we could easily store everyone's details and be able to contact them at a click of a button. We could then let them know what's going on, news, events, emergencies, etc.

We are desperate to raise enough funds to buy a new laptop computer, a desk computer would not be suitable as we do not have a permanent storage space. Silloth Rugby Club have given us free use of their premises, but we cannot leave a computer there. We have therefore decided to raise funds for a laptop computer.

We have a Summer Family Day fund-raiser planned for July 27th, and are looking to local businesses in the town for additional support.

If you could please make a donation to "THE RUGGA CLUB" on behalf of the children of Silloth and surrounding areas I would be most grateful.

Send your donations to: Jimmy Lettice, 62 Skinburness Road, Silloth, CA7 4QF.

Trinity Methodist Church

The playing of The Star Spangled Banner heralded the arrival of the Revd Scott McMurray from Wisconsin into our pulpit.

He and his family are on an exchange visit with our own minister, Revd John Millard and will be with us for the next few weeks. His wife Debbie joined him in the pulpit give us an insight into their life and work in the church at home.

A good congregation

enjoyed the lively hymns, and organist Mr D Shaw played the Wisconsin State anthem at the finish.

Following the service, everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch organised by the ladies of the church, and a presentation was made to Scott and family to remind them of their visit to Silloth.

A reminder that the weekly Coffee Mornings at the church are on Thursdays.

On The Waterfront

June was a quiet month with only six ships visiting the port.

The BEN ELLAN had two visits with wheat from Liverpool and the RICHARD-C brought wheat from Bonnières in France. The new tanker ORALAKE brought a cargo of molasses from Bremen in Germany.

Finally there were two cargoes of fertilizer on the LAURINA from Ghent in Belgium and the JAN-V from Gdynia, Poland.



Stankend Stinger by Abbie Williamson aged 6 from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Silloth Beer Festival

www.sillothbeerfestival.co.uk

9th to 12th September
The Green, Silloth-on-Solway

New for 2004
Food by Celebrity Chef
John Crouch



Dr Feelgood

Thursday 9th ~ 8pm to late
Nightriders
tickets £3

Friday 10th ~ 8pm to late
Dr Feelgood
supported by: Stealer
Tickets £9

Saturday 11th ~ 1pm to 4pm
Pensioners Tea Party
with **Penrith Town Band**
tickets £2
Silloth Pensioners free tickets from SOSCS

Saturday 11th ~ 8pm to late
Skool Bandits
& **Ashes in the Fall**
with special Guest Appearance and their only 2004 gig by **The Bullfrogs**
tickets £6.50

Sunday 12th ~ 1pm to 5pm
Prize Karaoke ~ £300 Prize
tickets £2

Beer Festival tickets covering all four days are only £13

Ticket & Credit Card Hotline:
Carnegie Theatre, Workington, 01900 602122

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